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AMENDMENT D

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed

January 14, 2003. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 65 to read as follows:

- 65. (Amended) In a process for the manufacture of chicory inulin from chicory roots through conventional manufacturing techniques, the improvement wherein:
- the source material for the process are roots of chicory which have been grown in appropriate regions and have been seeded, grown and processed in a period that partially or wholly falls outside conventional seeding, growing and processing periods, and which have been grown and processed under proper climatological temperature conditions which are such that during a period of at least from the beginning of the third month of the growing period till the

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